

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY**

Western Massachusetts Electric Company)	
Transition Charge Reconciliation January through December 2003)	DTE 04-40

**PETITION OF WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS INDUSTRIAL CUSTOMERS GROUP
FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE AS A FULL PARTICIPANT**

Now come General Electric Company, MeadWestvaco Corporation, and Solutia, Inc. (collectively the Western Massachusetts Industrial Customers Group “WMICG”) and hereby petition for leave to intervene in the proceeding docketed as DTE 04-40 concerning the reconciliation filing of Western Massachusetts Electric Company (“WMECo”) filed on March 31, 2004 with the Department of Telecommunications and Energy (“Department”). WMICG states as follows:

(1) The customers purchase large amounts of electricity and distribution service under various tariff rates of Western Massachusetts Electric Company including rates T-2 and PR and special contracts on file with the Department.

(2) The customers have been permitted to intervene and have actively participated in numerous rate filings of WMECo including without limitation the Electric Restructuring Filing in DTE 97-120 and the last reconciliation filing in DTE 03-34. The customers have an ongoing interest in continuing its participation in the present proceeding which will reconcile the transition charge filing by WMECo and determine the proper way to reflect an over-collection through the end of 2003 and to make sure that the over-collection together with carrying charges ordered by the Department in DTE 03-34 are properly applied to the reduction in current charges to customers.

(3) The interests of the Industrial Customers are not adequately represented by the Attorney General, who represents primarily the interests of residential customers.

(4) The participation of WMICG in this proceeding will including a full review of the alleged amount of the over-recovery, cross-examination of witnesses, filing comments and briefs.

(5) WMICG also requests that the Department make an initial determination prior to approval of rates and charges for 2005 that all or a portion of the over-recovery be used to offset any increase in rates for 2005 including the increase in the standard offer generation charge.

WHEREFORE, WMICG prays that the customers be permitted to intervene as a full intervenor.

Respectfully submitted,

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MEADWESTVACO CORPORATION,
SOLUTIA, INC.
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all parties of record in these proceedings in accordance with the requirements of 220 CMR 1.05(1) (Department's Rules of Procedure and Practice).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew J. Newman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Andrew J. Newman

Date: November 15, 2004